



## **Rural Clean Energy WG Meeting #3 Agenda**

### **Goals:**

- Learn about federal, state and alternative opportunities to advance clean energy
- Brainstorm policies and programs that dismantle barriers to meeting rural community needs
- Brainstorm ways to leverage federal funds with state investments
- Review draft recommendations for rural guiding principles

### **Pre-Work: Spreadsheet**

**Introduction and Welcome** 9:00am (5 mins)

**Presentation** 9:05am (30 min)

- Veronica Baer, Business and Cooperatives Program Specialist, USDA REAP
- Tina Hochwender, Managing Director, Department of Commerce, Community Assistance and Research Unit (9:20)

**Federal and Alternative Opportunities to Advance Rural Clean Energy** (10-15 mins)

- Federal programs that overlap with the goals of the rural clean energy innovation program
- NGO or private opportunities

**Discussion** 9:55

- Discuss specific barriers that prevent access to federal or alternative programs
- How do we leverage federal funding with state capital investments?

**State Programs** 10:00am

- Washington programs that overlap with the goals of the rural clean energy innovation program

Break 5-10 min

**Review HW #3 Pre-work results:** (2 mins)

### **Breakout Room**

**Breakout Group 1: Develop recommendations to address barriers** 10:15 (30 minutes)

- What suite of policies, investments, actions and programs do rural communities need to dismantle barriers to clean energy access or meeting the needs of rural communities?



Report out (15 min) 10:45

**Review/Edit Guiding Principles** 11:00am (30 min) [participants broken into groups of 2-3]

- What are the top goals/guiding principles for rural clean energy?
  - Share starter list
  - Each group of 2-3 people will edit one of those principles
- What is missing from this list?
- Brainstorm other goals/principles

Report back (15 mins) 11:30

**Wrap-up** (5 mins) 11:45